

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2020 Legislative Session

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Identifier: LL 0142-DNR-DGGS 1-20-20  
Title: LICENSING: TEMP., ELIG., BONDS, REPEALS  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Natural Resources  
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources  
Allocation: Geological & Geophysical Surveys  
OMB Component Number: 1031

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable. Initial version

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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This bill streamlines professional licensing provisions, and increases the efficiency of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, as well as that of multiple boards overseeing professional licensing. It eliminates outdated requirements, aligns requirements with federal law, and eliminates burdensome regulation.

The bill's provisions eliminating courtesy state licensing of many professionals listed in AS 08.01.010, including non-resident geologists by regulation under AS 08.01.062, in favor of temporary licenses, will have no anticipated effect on the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys. The division has very few positions requiring a professional geologist's license as a minimum qualification, and even those are high-level, permanent positions not likely to be filled on a temporary basis.

The bill's amendment to AS 31.05.009(a)(2)(A) to eliminate the requirement that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's (AOGCC) geologist member must have "professional geologist" certification under AS 08.02.011, will likewise have no anticipated effect on the division, as the division has no role in certifying geologists as "professional geologists" under either current law or the law as amended by this bill.

The division submits a zero fiscal note. The bill's effects on the Division of Oil and Gas are addressed in a separate fiscal note.